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INTERPRETATION OF ITEM 1587: QUARTZ CRYSTALS

Memorandum by the United Kingdom Delegation

1. The current definition for Item 1587 reads "Quartz crystals (worked or unworked) and plates, radio grade only".
2. This definition gives rise to difficulty in the case of raw (i.e. unworked) quartz crystals of superior optical grade. Unworked optical grade quartz is generally suitable for radio (piezo-electric) purposes; it has therefore been the practice of the United Kingdom authorities to refuse export licenses for the optical grade, as such exports might have tended to undermine the embargo on the radio grade.
3. Her Majesty's Government would, however, be glad to learn if other member countries have encountered this problem, and, if so, how they have interpreted the embargo coverage of Item 1587 in relation to raw quartz of optical grades.

United Kingdom Delegation,
PARIS.

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